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Hi Janet,

Our OPA shop believes "Rolling Stone" is soon to publish an article about this former solid waste landfill, that used dirt mixed with radioactive waste back in the 1970s, north of the St Louis Airport. Could appear as early as this weekend.

Stone writer Steven Hsieh interviewed Mathy and our r7 RPM about 6 weeks ago; might also have talked to O'Hara or someone in his shop.

Our Superfund Division has been re assessing site since 2008 ROD, signed by my predecessor, called for capping the waste dirt and leaving it. Some community and anti-nuclear advocates bitterly opposed that choice and have been prominent in local media occasionally since. Recently, another part of this landfill complex called "Bridgeton Landfill" has been in St Louis news because of a sub-surface landfill "fire" that has caused bad odors in the neighborhood. Missouri's env agency, to which RCRA was long ago delegated, has responsibility for permitting, closing, and now working with PRPs to extinguish the sub-surface event.

Don't know what RS article will say, but feel free to loop me in should HQ want to know how to, or whether to, respond. Local political interest in both sites has been high, tho Bridgeton "fire" has dominated news and political focus past 3 months.

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